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SUBJECT: LYKES LINES AND ALEXANDRIA PORT

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1. FOLLOWING IS STATUS OF LYKES SHIPS IN ALEXANDRIA
HARBOR:

A. ELIZABATH LYKES DEPARTED 19 MARCH AFTER FINISHING
HER CARGO DISCHARGE AT PIER 77.

B. MARGARET LYKES, WHICH NEXT IN REPORTING PRIORITY,
UNABLE USE PIER 77 BECAUSE HER DRAFT OF 30 FEET EXCEEDED
PERMISSIBLE 28 FEET THIS BERTH. MARGARET THEN DOCKED 21
MARCH AT GENERAL CARGO/PASSENGER PIER 24 (REPORTEDLY
BUMPING EAST GERMAN VESSEL WHICH HAD WAITED IN ANCHOR
23 DAYS AND WAS LONG SCHEDULED FOR PIER 24). AS
MARGARET'S DRAFT NOW REDUCED TO BELOW 28 FEET, SHE
SCHEDULED MOVE BACK TO ANCHOR AFTERNOON 24 MARCH, THEN
TO FOLLOW MARJORY LYKES AT PIER 79 (SEE BELOW).

C. BUMPING OF MARGARET LYKES AT PIER 77 BY SOMALI VESSEL
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DOBROV ON 20 MARCH REPOREDLY CAUSED BY ORDER OF MINISTRY

OF SUPPLY. DOBROV CARGO REFERRED TO AS "UN AID", WHICH ALSO MERITS BERTHING PRIORITY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, MINISTRY OF SUPPLY, WHICH COORDINATES BERTHING PIERS 75 THROUGH 85, IS, IN CASE OF DOBROV CARGO, THE RECEIVER. RECEIVER FOR MARJORY LYKES CRS CARGO, IS IMC, WHICH APPARENTLY AS GROUP DOES NOT HAVE AS EFFECTIVE INFLUENCE RE BERTHING PRIORITIES. IN ANY EVENT, MARJORY NOW SCHEDULED DOCK AT PIER 79 ON 24 MARCH, TO BE FOLLOWED BY MARGARET AS NOTED (A) ABOVE.

2. CONGEN OFFICER HAS MET TWICE LAST THREE DAYS WITH LYKES REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM GENOA (CAMPANINI), WHO CURRENTLY IN ALEXANDRIA, AS WELL AS WITH PORT DIRECTOR GENERAL CONCERNING BERTHING PROBLEMS. ONE RESULT, WHICH PORT AUTHORITIES PROPOSE IMPLEMENTING ON AT LEAST TRIAL BASIS, IS TO RESERVE PIER 77 AND 79 FOR BAGGED "AID" CARGO SUCH AS LYKES-CARRIED CRS FLOUR AND/OR UN-SUBSIZED CARGO SUCH AS THAT CARRIED BY DOBROV. ANOTHER HELP WOULD BE TO STAGGER LYKES ARRIVALS AT ALEX TO MINIMUM TWO WEEKS BETWEEN VESSELS, WHICH CAMPANINI WILL ATTEMPT COORDINATE.

3. CAMPANINI SUGGESTS THAT SOME OFF-LOADING BOTTLE-NECKS COULD BE ALLEVIATED IF CRS REP WERE ON SCENE AT ALEX WHENEVER LYKES VESSEL WITH CRS CARGO AT DOCK. AS WITH EVERY OTHER FORM OF CARGO DISCHARGE AT ALEX, THERE INEVITABLY PROBLEMS RE LABOR, TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE. WITH RESPONSIBLE CRS SUPERVISOR CONSTANTLY MONITORING CARGO HANDLING PROCESS, CAMPANINI BELIEVES OFF-LOADING WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY EXPEDITED. SIGNED CHASE.
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